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Fr. Augustinus Sekoulian
19-IX-1939 – †19-VII-2014

Fr. Sekoulian has published numerous articles and two books on Cilician Armenian coins

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LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you very much for sending me your latest study of the Kinet Höyük medieval coins. We (the Kinet project) are very grateful for your interest in this collection and your excellent study. I am also happy to see that so many rulers are represented by this coinage!

Marie-Henriette Gates
Kinet Höyük Excavations

Wonderful article on the Pre-coronation trams [*Armenian Numismatic Journal*, 2014, No. 3]. Coin 20 is listed as from the Chuck Hajinian collection, actually #19 is my coin ...

Chuck Hajinian, DDS

Editor's note: In the photographic Plate 7, coin Nos. 19 and 20 are switched.

YTN

Դժվար է պատկերացնել, որ ՀԴՀ-ն այլևս լույս չի ընծայվի: Մեր պատմության մեջ միակ դրամագիտական հանդեսը մեծ ներդրում է ունեցել և ունի, և դա գերազանցապես Ձեր անմանցորդ նվիրումի շնորհիվ: Այդուհանդերձ, Ձեր որոշումը հասկանալի է: Առողջություն եմ մաղթում Ձեզ և Ձեր տիկնոջը: Ռուբեն Վարդանյան

In the past you mentioned a few times that you were having health difficulties, but I had no idea of the extent of your problems. The Lord will not give you more pain than you can bear. In my personal experience I know how poor health interferes with the normal activities and pleasures of life...

Thank you for the effort you put into this project for the past 40 years.

Levon Saryan

... We wish to thank you for the numerous years you have given to the ANJ. Also we wish you well and hope your health will be okay. God bless you in all your efforts you have given to the Armenian Numismatic Journal.

Stephen T. Dulgarian

V.[ery] sad to hear that the Bulletin [*Armenian Numismatic Journal*] will not be published any longer. I wish you good health and best.

Noubar Tcheurekdjian

... Thank you once again for the enormous work you have done for this publication and for the Armenian numismatics in general. Your legacy will live for generations to come. .. Best of luck, strong health and much happiness to you and your family.

Armen Tangamyan

Ծանրոցը մի քանի օր առաջ [ANJ copies reached Armenia, 26.X.2014] ստացել ենք, շնորհակալություն:

Ռուբեն Վարդանյան

Thank you for providing me years of interesting articles in the [*Armenian Numismatic Journal*]. ... Books [2 CAA, 1 CCA] arrived today.

I am giving one set to my daughter and one to my son for reference.

Paul Mike Goorjian

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Baenen, Paul A.	\$075.00	Setian, Charles	\$75.00
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April 30, 2015

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLICATION OF A NUMISMATIC BOOK

Mr. Y. T. Nercessian, who has published our *Armenian Numismatic Journal* for the past forty years, has undertaken the metrology study of copper coins by the kings of Sophene and the Artaxiad dynasty of Armenia.

In December 2008, Nercessian started publishing his metrology study articles dedicated strictly to the copper coins of ancient Armenia. It was published in the issues of the *Armenian Numismatic Journal* extending up to December 2011.

Since the publication of the *Silver Coinage of the Artaxiad Dynasty of Armenia* (Los Angeles, 2006) and *Metrology of Cilician Armenian Coinage* (Los Angeles, 2007), the Armenian Numismatic Society has occasionally received requests to consider publishing a book on the metrology of copper coins of the Armenian Artaxiads. The main argument for this was the discovery of some new material.

In Paul Z. Bedoukian's *Coinage of the Artaxiads of Armenia* (1978) and also his *Coinage of the Armenian Kingdoms of Sophene and Commagene* (New York, 1983 and Los Angeles, 1985), and Y. T. Nercessian's *Armenian Coins and Their Values* (Los Angeles, 1995), the copper coins of the kingdom of Sophene and the Artaxiad Dynasty are treated extensively as a typological study. However, neither of these books considered presenting a detailed metrological study.

Nercessian is now busy integrating, updating, and editing these metrology study papers into one book, "*Metrology of Copper Coinage of Sophene and Armenia*." In fact in many ways it will be similar to *Metrology of Cilician Armenian Coinage* (nearly 150 pages, 8½x11" format, card covers).

Now the challenge to our Armenian Numismatic Society is to publish this book. Nercessian is expected to have the book ready for printing in June or July 2015. We had hoped to sell sufficient books from our "Sale" and back issues of our *Journal*, and silver medals to help finance the cost of this volume, but such was not the case; these tend to sell slowly. The Society does not have the funds with which to finance this extremely important book. Therefore, we are appealing to our friends and members for help. →

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The Executive Board of the Armenian Numismatic Society decided to create a "Table of Gratuity" in the forthcoming metrology book, in alphabetical order. Furthermore, if one donates \$100 or more, that entity will receive one free copy of this volume per one hundred dollars of donation. As before, the names and the amount of funds accumulated will be published in the *Armenian Numismatic Journal Newsletter*.

We are confident that our membership will bring this key project to a successful conclusion.

Executive Board
Armenian Numismatic Society

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OBITUARY

Col. Carl Mahakian (USMC retired)
7-III-1926 – †9-III-2015

Carl was a good friend and charter member of the Armenian Numismatic Society.
He will be missed by all.

LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

I have written an article on the Levon Coronation Trams and how the figure on the left is Christ from theological and artistic renderings. it is published on the [www. ANASociety.org](http://www.ANASociety.org) website.

I want to publish this also on the web site and am asking your permission since it is ANSociety articles. Do you have any problem with me putting your ANS articles on the site as long as I acknowledge them as being from the Society? I don't know Dickran, but would publish the article with this title. thanks Chuck Hajinian

Dickran Kouymjian, "The Iconography of the 'Coronation' Trams of King Levon I," *Essays on Armenian Numismatics in Memory of Fr. Clement Sibilian* (Los Angeles: Armenian Numismatic Society, 1980 1978)], pp. 67-74.

Ch. Hajinian

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No. 3

August 1, 2015

METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF SOPHENE AND ARMENIA, by Y. T. Nercessian. Los Angeles: Armenian Numismatic Society, *Special Publication*, No. 16, 2015, xx + 130 pp., 8.5 x 11 inch format, card covers, short run, \$33.00 + shipping (USA \$7.00, foreign air mail at cost).

OBITUARY

According to the *ANS Magazine*, 2015, issue No. 2, p. 5, "... Dr. Lawrence A. Adams ...died unexpectedly in March of this year... Larry was well-known as a collector of gold coins and medals of all periods and countries [including Cilician Armenia, YN]... Larry was 79 years old, and in his spare time worked as a consultant at Classical Numismatic Group..." He will be greatly missed.

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LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

My support [donation] is insignificant compared to your continuing efforts in Armenian Numismatics. I wish we all could do a lot more.

George Derderian

I have received your letter regarding an issue of the new book. That is some exciting news! I will be putting a check in the mail for it soon. Also I would like to share about the project that I have been working on.

I have created a web site www.armnumres.org The purpose of the web site is to create a location on the network solely for the purpose of Armenian numismatics. The inspiration for creating such a project came to me from seeing the OCRE website made by the ANS. The website will have an up to date catalog of all known varieties of Armenian coins, as well as a forum, similar to zeno.ru, which has not been active for a while. Another section of the website under the branch name "bibliography" will contain downloadable pdf format books, along with a list of published works regarding our sphere of interest.

What I have been wanting to ask you for a long time is if you would consider digitizing up to date published issues of the Armenian Numismatic Journal? Understanding the fact that if it would be available online for free, it will take away a part of income from the Armenian Numismatic society. On the other hand creating a "modern" area with lots of information on Armenian numismatics might very well expand interests of new to come members into our sphere. As everyone knows, internet is the way to go and a vast majority of our colleagues interested in numismatics of other countries already has a set up modern, progressive website dedicated to their passion. Surprisingly, Armenians were not the first ones to do this, but at least we should try to be the ones to have the best!

Aram M.

Please use it [donation] as you see fit. I'm glad the printing process has started. It must have been a lot of work for you. I am getting up there in years too, with health problems, and I fully understand what you are going thru. I have been a member of the "Society" for the last 20 years and thanks to you, it has brought countless of hours of joy over the years. May God bless you with good health and a long life. Thank you.

HrairAris

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Ancient copper coins of the Armenian kingdom of Sophene (260 - 70 BC) and the Artaxiad dynasty of Armenia (189 BC – AD 34) are very important sources for the study of Armenian history. These are contemporary documents which are attributed to Armenian kings who lived more than two thousand years ago. And copper coins have been used primarily by the local people for daily trade. They are national treasures, miniature metallic monuments, and primary sources of Armenian history. They reveal the metallic art of Armenia as well as the weight and size of the coin which has been in circulation as legal tender money of Armenian kings.

The book is the result of many years of research by Y. T. Nercessian who has devoted a lifetime to the study of the coinage of Armenia, authored more than ten books, and had been the editor of Armenian Numismatic Journal for forty years (1975-2014).

More than three thousand copper coins of all Armenian kings are tabulated in the corpus. Metrological information on most known copper coins that have been submitted to the author is listed in the corpus.

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LATEST ON CILICIAN ARMENIAN COINS

It was reported that a 6,600-coin group is available for sale. All of the coins are not cleaned common silver trams of King Levon I (1198-1219) [most likely from VF to lower grades]. We do not know if the group is intact [hoard?] or if some better pieces have been extracted by the seller. Asking price \$165,000.00 for the entire lot.

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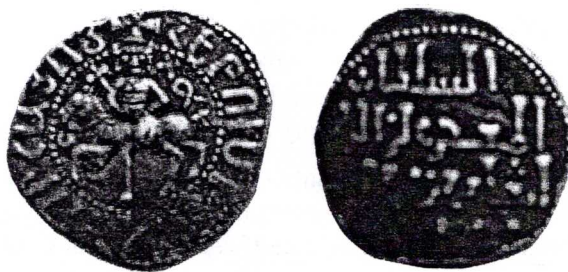


Fig. 1. Hetoum-Kaiqobad counterfeit tram

- Obv.: King on horseback to left instead of right. The scepter on right shoulder is a cross instead of fleur-de-lys.
Strange field marks in left and right fields.
The style of Armenian lettering is definitely not representative of the Roupenian period.
- Rev.: The style of Arabic lettering is definitely not representative of the Hetoum-Kaiqobad period tram inscription.
- Data: The weight is 3.4 grams, 21% higher than the average Hetoum-Kaiqobad tram weight. (In *Metrology of Cilician Armenian Coinage*, 2007, p. 36, the average weight of 57 bilingual trams is 2.81 grams.). The diameter is unknown.
- Note: It is presented as a genuine unpublished bilingual coin for \$1200.

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LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

What I am trying to do is create an online portal for armenian numismatics. Combining all the things that websites such as: numismatics.org, zeno.ru, acsearch.info, archives.org do for numismatics of other regions. So far there is no such advanced website that would have a lot of organized information. Currently, I am working on a fully searchable auctions database, which in my opinion would be very useful. I have been in contact with some other fellow numismatists such as: Levon Saryan, Chuck Hadjinian, Jason Sohigian, Jirair Christianian, and they have expressed that they like the idea. The only difficulty I am having is lack of help and lack of time. I have paid for everything myself and at this moment I am the only person working on it. Also understanding that the functions of ANS have decreased, it would be nice to revive interest in this field.

Aram M.

Editor's note: Your idea of digitizing the ANJ issues and placing them on Society's web site is very noble and commendable, but if all 40 volumes of *Armenian Numismatic Journal* placed on the websites it will kill the sale of ANJ issues as well as the sale of *Special Publication* books SP1, SP9, SP10, SP11, SP15, and SP16.

HACKERS WANT TO SWINDLE NUMISMATISTS

I hope you get this on time, I made a Trip to (Ankara Turkey) and I had my bag stolen from me with my passport and personal effects therein. The embassy has just issued me a temporary passport but I have to pay for a ticket and settle my hotel bills with the Manager.

I have made contact with my bank but it would take me 3-5 working days to access funds in my account, the bad news is my flight will be leaving in Few Hours from now but I am having problem settling the hotel bills and the hotel manager won't let me leave until I settle the bills, I need you to help me with LOAN financially (\$2,250 US) and I promise to make the refunds once I get back home, you are my last resort and hope right now.

Please let me know if I can count on you and I need you to keep checking your email because it's the only way I can reach you.

Editor's Note: This is the second time that we have received this type of letter, supposedly from one of our members. The computers of our membership is being hacked and our e-mail address is being used to request money. Please do **NOT** fall in the trap.

Below is the first one

How are you doing today? I am really sorry to bother you with this email but I just want you to know what I am facing right now. I am sorry that I didn't inform you about my traveling to London UK for a Seminar, I am presently in London now but unfortunately for me I lost my wallet in a taxi where my money and other valuable things were kept. I want you to assist me with a loan of \$2500 or whatever you can afford urgently to sort-out my hotel bills and get myself back home. I promise I will pay you back as soon as I return. Kindly let me know if you can be of help so that I can send you the details you will use to send the money to me here in London. Any assistance you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

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Your 2016 dues of \$25 will insure membership in the Armenian Numismatic Society. We hope to hear from you. If you have any comments please do not hesitate to write us a letter or email us at ArmNumSoc@aol.com.

Numismatic Literature has reached Armenia (9/20/2015)

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LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

I have received the new book. Thank you for bringing it to light.

Aram M.

I just received the packet of articles and the special publication Metrology of Copper Coinage of Sophene and Armenia, 2015. Thank you so much for thinking of us. We will add them directly to the library collections. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

David Hill

Francis D. Campbell Librarian

Thank you for the 2 copies of your metrology book. Those (we) who appreciate / love Armenian numismatics look at another difficult effort done superbly. Thank you again. ..

I can't quite put into adequate words, but I, like many of us on the periphery of the ANS, are quietly worried about the future of the organization, and what can be done for it to continue on for many decades into the future, with the high quality of research that you and Dr. Bedoukian, and many others have done in our lifetime. I pray that G' [od] will grant us help in this area, as well as all the other areas He is involved in!

George Derderian

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A heartfelt congratulations on your recent book! I read it each day and discover new things about my coins which you have taken the time to write about. We have placed your recent Metrology book information with a review, on our ANAS website: anasociety.org. We have also added the Armenian Numismatic Quarterly- a fine publication and the Armenian Numismatic Research Organization- a wonderful site and organization full of great information Armenian coin info.

We hope you like it. If you would like any changes, just let me know. We will be creating a special honor member category for those who have made major contribution to Armenian Numismatics and Antiquities. We are working on the details soon and will send them to you.

Please help us to grow by sending this information to all of your contacts- both those who care about all things Armenian and those that do not. Right now we have myself and the 3 above names to run the ANAS. We need more talent and strength from the Numismatic and Antiquities community. We want to reach as many people as we can with the good news of our Armenian treasures. You are one of those treasures!

Chuck Hajinian
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WORK IN PROGRESS

God willing, the *Armenian Numismatic Studies III* will be our next publication. Tentatively it is planned to be nearly 400 pages, 48 plates, and *Special Publication* No. 17. A rough draft of *Metrology of Copper coinage of Sophene and Armenia* (SP16) was completed four years ago. However, updating and editing it took us five to six months. The future SP17 might take two years to complete and have the "camera ready" pages ready for the printer. God willing and my health permitting, it might be published in 2017. Most likely it will deviate from Volumes I and II 1000 copy printing, and it might be published as a short run. Similar to SP16, we plan to have a table of gratuity.

To our membership and readers we wish a

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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